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**CLOSURE OF THE EASTERN SECTION OF THE SOUTH PENINSULA DISTRICT
TO TANNER CRAB FISHING**

EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-S-13-12

All remaining open waters of the Eastern Section of the South Peninsula District will close to Tanner crab fishing at 5:59 p.m. on Friday, February 3, 2012. Catch reports indicate total harvest will approach survey estimates of allowable Tanner crab surplus. Further harvest is not warranted to protect the long-term health of the Tanner crab stock.

All pots within the Eastern Section of the South Peninsula District must be unbaited with doors open at the time of the closure. Unbaited pots may be stored in the closed area in waters deeper than 25 fathoms for seven days. After seven days, all pots remaining in the closed area must be removed from the water or placed in waters less than 25 fathoms deep.